

Dear Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Ecology and Cowlitz County

I strongly oppose the construction of a coal export terminal at Longview, Washington and transporting strip-mined coal from Montana and Wyoming on trains and ships throughout the Northwest. I ask that you conduct an EIS for all of the proposed crude-by-rail terminals and rail expansions at existing refineries to determine net effect on rail and vessel traffic.

At a time when the Pentagon has been quoted to say that climate change is our #1 security risk and the fact that burning of coal is the largest by far contributor of CO₂ gas emissions, how could this be in the public's best interest? When every National Science Research agency in the world and 97-98% of climate researchers say climate change is our doing, and we are in a critical time to try and reverse it, how can we allow coal burning and transport of this magnitude? This project of building coal terminals uses public shore and water, resources of which we all have rights to. Washington State law says we need to decrease gas emissions but it is a fact that the coal terminals planned will result in doubling the metric tons of emissions allowed by law.

The cumulative impacts of this project do not exist in isolation! We are aware that the herring populations have been devastated around Canada's coal terminal at Prince Rupert and the salmon have disappeared as a result. The same concerns are being expressed about The Ridley, Neptune, Fraser-Surrey and Westshore terminals. I want to know what the impact will be on our marine life around Longview as well as the ocean when 400+ gigantic vessels travel back and forth annually through narrow straits as narrow as 10 miles wide like Rosario and Bristol Bay to China (doubling that number if you count round-trip)! They will be lining up waiting to be filled and while they sit there in the bay, their engines are idling releasing dirty diesel for hours. The older vessels still use the highly polluting sulfuric diesel! Bristol Bay relies on a 1.5 billion dollar fishing industry. One oil spill disaster and it would be permanently destroyed. I want to know what your terminal at Longview will do to the fishing industries. The mercury released from burning coal in China will end up here in our water and soil and spills will continue to increase acidification of our oceans. I have read that there will be a total of 296.8 billion tons of CO₂ emitted just from the Gateway Terminal at Cherry Point. How much more will the Longview terminal emit? I want you to tell us what the adverse economic impacts are compared to economic gains. I believe China may add a lot more jobs if the coal comes their way, but the number of jobs here will be insignificant compared to there, not to mention the short-term employment that it will provide. I want for you to consider what we will do when Asia quits buying coal because they are forced to face their deadly polluted air. They have recently closed 3 of their coal plants in urban areas as a result of this toxic polluted air!

As a result of burning all this coal which will increase CO₂ emissions, I want you to study the impact of mercury release into the air, water and soil on growing food around the world, not just in our state. As a result of these increased CO₂ emissions from burning coal, I want you to study the impact of climate change when the sea level rises. The Pacific Northwest takes pride in trying to maintain the pristine marine environment we

have and I want you to tell me how the herring and salmon will survive when all this coal dust and diesel is dumped in our water. These terminals are not financially practical, but more importantly, are immoral. I ask that you study the impact of a coal spill in Bristol Bay or the impact of a spill around the proposed Longview terminal site. How much of a bond is Millennium Bulk Logistics willing to put up to pay for the results of a disaster? Have you determined how much of a bond is needed? Who will be responsible for a superfund for clean-up?

In summary, I ask that you study all the adverse impacts on marine life, air quality, soil quality and health due to transport and burning of this coal. Fossil fuels are a dying industry. Let's support a future of clean energy. We know we have the money and the technology right now to supply all our energy needs for our nation without fossil fuels.

Thank you for taking my comments.

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